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COMMENDING THE HELEN KELLER BIRTHPLACE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE STAFF AT IVY GREEN.

WHEREAS, Helen Keller, who was born at Ivy Green in Tuscumbia, Alabama, on June 27, 1880, was left blind and deaf from an illness at the age of 19 months, but went on to achieve greatness and world renown; and

WHEREAS, the Helen Keller Birthplace Foundation Board of Directors has been responsible for the operation and management of Ivy Green since it was opened to the public in 1954 as a shrine to Helen Keller; and

WHEREAS, the Board and its Executive Director have implemented many marketing and advertising campaigns and programs to educate the world about Helen Keller and her work with individuals who have disabilities; and

WHEREAS, in the 1980s, the Alabama Legislature named the "The Miracle Worker" play performed at Ivy Green as Alabama's Official Outdoor Drama; and

1 WHEREAS, the Helen Keller Birthplace Foundation
2 Board of Directors and the staff at Ivy Green continue to
3 create innovative projects to educate individuals of all ages,
4 including the young people who are the leaders of the future,
5 about the importance of understanding the special needs of
6 those with disabilities; and

7 WHEREAS, the Helen Keller Birthplace Foundation
8 Board and its Executive Director have created an inspiring new
9 program, the first of its type, a Special Camp where students
10 will receive in-depth study to better understand and
11 appreciate individuals with special needs; now therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
13 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Helen Keller Birthplace
14 Foundation Board, its Executive Director, and the staff at Ivy
15 Green are most highly honored and commended and, by copy of
16 this resolution for appropriate presentation and display, we
17 convey heartiest congratulations on the creation of the new
18 Special Camp, along with best wishes for the future.